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Golden Gears Car Show tonight
IROQUOIS – Are you a fan of classic cars? Don't miss out on the Golden Gears Car Show Thurs., Aug. 11 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Iroquois Plaza.

Garden Party Market this Saturday
WINCHESTER – Winchester's Garden Party is set for this Sat., Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 535 St. Lawrence Street and 517 Main Street in the gardens. More than 40 local artisan vendors will be in attendance to showcase their creations.

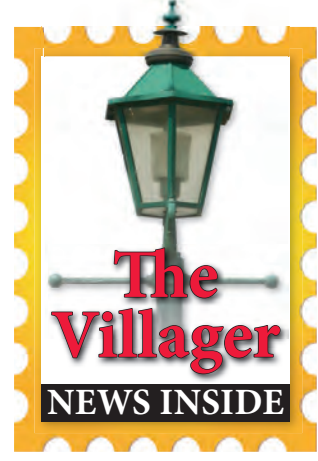
One week left to file nomination papers
SDG – There is only one week left to file nomination papers for those interested in running for a position on the municipal council in the upcoming fall election. The deadline to submit paperwork is Aug. 19. More information is available on municipal websites. The election is set for Oct. 24.

Wally's Café
MORRISBURG – The Upper Canada Playhouse's current comedy, *Wally's Café*, is playing until the end of the month. Matinees and evening shows until Aug. 28.

Movie Night Under the Stars
INGLESIDE – The township of South Stormont is hosting a movie night "under the stars" on Aug. 26 at 8:30 p.m. in the Ingleside Plaza. The Secret Life of Pets 2 will be shown.

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Dairyfest 2022 brings out the fun in everyone
The sheer joy of being at Dairyfest on a hot summer day can be seen in this young Winchester resident's leap through a North Dundas Fire Service water sprinkler at the Sam Ault Arena on Sun., Aug. 7. The extremely hot August weather did little to slow down the children who came to have fun at the Dairyfest activities, inside and outside the Sam Ault Arena.
Morin Photo

Dairyfest returns to Winchester with a moooooo

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

WINCHESTER – The hot humid weather could not stop Dairyfest from celebrating its return to Winchester after two years of a restricting pandemic.

The two-day festival kicked off on Sat., Aug. 6 and came to an end on Sunday.

There was non-stop fun beginning at 7 a.m. at the Winchester Fire Hall as breakfast was served.

While residents got an early start to their day, with the breakfast at the other end of Main Street at the Sam Ault Arena, participants in the Dairy Dash were given directions. There was a 2 and 5 km run for runners to enjoy.

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Meet Me On Main Street comes to Winchester

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

The series of Meet Me On Main Street events came to Winchester on Wed., Aug 3.

Winchester residents filled up Main Street, filling up all the tables, enjoying the weather, music food and each other's company.

On hand with their own unique food and menus were Simply Baked Catering, Mr. Mozzarella, Iron Forge Pizza, Country Kitchen Restaurant, and Milano Pizza. The great music was provided by Hillbilly Highway.

Visitors to Winchester's Meet Me On Main Street could also enjoy sampling from Rurban Brewing, Smokie Ridge Vineyard, Brasserie Tuque de Broue Brewery Inc., and King's Lock Craft Distillery. The Southgate Church brought along its bouncy castle and cotton candy for the children and

the North Dundas Fire Services put on a great demonstration about fire safety. Lactalis handed out free cheese much to the delight of visitors.

The Meet Me On Main Street has become in a short time something all of the communities involved look forward to.

The warden of SD&G came by to see what the event was all about.

"I was not there officially as warden, but I carry that with me wherever I go and it's important for me to support local events across SD&G," said Williams.

"I was there out of interest for my own municipality. I am the Deputy Mayor of North Glengarry. This idea of Meet Me On Main Street is something that other communities can beg, borrow or steal from I suppose, in order to initiate in their own communities."

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SDG invites non-residents to 'Date My County'

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

CORNWALL – The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry (SDG) is hoping to entice newcomers to the region through its newest initiative, Date My County.

“It’s a chance for individuals who are sick of the frustrations of big-city life to truly discover the culture, beauty, and vastness of our area,” SDG’s manager of economic development, Tara Kirkpatrick, said. “SDG counties is located within a one-hour drive of metropolitan hubs in Ottawa, Montreal, and New York State, but our county

is far removed from the hectic life most city dwellers face. We enjoy the best of both worlds. We have wide-open spaces, with great cycling, agri-tourism assets, and a growing resurgence of culinary delights and vineyard experiences – but without the traffic congestion and confined spaces of city life.”

In a recent announcement, Kirkpatrick said SDG’s Date My County initiative will pay one individual or family to live in the region for a period of one year. The goal is to showcase the region to young families and working professionals who might be

interested in relocating to the area.

“This is a great opportunity for a young family looking to make a change,” SDG warden Carma Williams said. “Many years ago, when my husband and I were raising our own young family, we moved here from the Yukon. I can personally attest to the fact that there is something deeply special about SDG counties. It’s a place that draws you in. It’s a place where everyone is welcome and where communities are still active. It’s a place that is growing and evolving, but where our values remain important to us. We hope you can join us

in becoming a part of this community.”

Date My County applicants are required to submit a one-minute video and a brief 50-word essay explaining why they should be selected to win. The winner will act as a brand-ambassador for the county for one year and will be required to journal their

experience through blog posts shared via SDG’s social media pages.

In return, the winning individual or family will receive up to a maximum of \$1,500 per month for up to 12 consecutive months toward the cost of accommodations spent living in SDG during the contest period. The prize winner is responsible for selecting accommodations, whether it’s short-term

accommodations, a rental unit, or house purchase, and will need to show proof of monthly accommodation costs. Relocation must take place between November 2022 and January 2024. Current SDG and Cornwall residents are not eligible to apply.

Applications will be accepted until 12 p.m. on Nov. 1. Applications can be completed online (datemycounty.ca).

Adrian Bugelli seeking seat at North Stormont council table

Joseph Morin
Record Staff

NORTH STORMONT – Finch resident, Adrian Bugelli is running for a seat at the North Stormont council table in the township of North Stormont during this October’s municipal elections.

He said, “I am excited and eager for the opportunity to serve my community as an elected public official. Over the past few years, North Stormont has led SD&G in its percentage of population growth, which presents both opportunities and challenges. Opportunities, such as increased growth acts as a large attractant of investments, but also challenges, as both infrastructure needs and municipal services, race to catch up with that growth.”

Bugelli is the father of two children and wants to make sure his family can enjoy living in a healthy vibrant community.

He said, “I want to ensure that our community continues to blossom and offers them the opportunity for a happy life. From their schooling to their extra-curriculars, from community activity to local sports, and eventually from employment to housing, I want to know that my kids are able to stay close to their roots and will not have to look outside of North Stormont for opportunities.”

He has served on various boards,



Adrian Bugelli Courtesy Photo

committees, and not-for-profits, and understands that a collaborative, respectful and objective approach in respect to decision-making is paramount.

“A councillor’s job is to put community above self, to put personal egos aside and work as a team, to better our community for all residents. It’s ok, in fact encouraged, to have dissenting opinions, but at the end of the day, we need to be respectful and make tough decisions in the best interest of all, and then move on to tackle the next issue.”

Bugelli is well known in political circles across SD&G, as the long-time president of the Stormont- Dundas-South Glengarry Conservative Association, also acting as campaign manager for local MP Eric Duncan during the past two elections, while also serving as his chief of staff in Cornwall.

Most recently, Bugelli successfully headed-up newly elected MPP Nolan Quinn’s nomination and general election campaign teams.



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Supervisors: Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk

POSITION SUMMARY

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RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Assists in the drafting of By-laws and resolutions, through the conduct of research and analysis, and consultations with the CAO / Clerk, other departments, and legal experts, as required.
2. Performs follow-up activities resulting from Council meetings: transcribes and distributes minutes; ensures that resolutions and ordinances are in proper format and notarized; prepares associated documents and correspondence; and tracks required Committee actions.
3. Reviews policies and procedures stemming from the legislation affecting the operation of the Corporation of the Township of North Stormont.
4. Provides support to the CAO / Clerk in the various statutory responsibility areas under the *Municipal Act*, the *Line Fences Act*, the *Drainage Act*, the *Tile Drainage Act*, the *Safe Drinking Water Act*, the *Planning Act*, and other provincial statutes.
5. Provides information and interpretation of By-laws, resolutions and policies to the general public; and provides Notary Public services for Township legal requirements, residents, staff, and the general public.
6. Assists with the annual review and preparation of the *Accessibility Plan*, under the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act*.
7. Provides support in the preparation and administration of municipal contracts, tenders and requests for proposal; and monitors contracts and agreements to ensure they are signed and recorded in a timely manner, and that insurance requirements are met.
8. Assists the Building and Planning Department.
9. Assists in the conduct of Municipal Elections; and administers the Oath of Office for township Council.
10. Supervises official records file maintenance: ensures that documents are recorded and properly retained; and oversees the archiving and destruction of documents no longer required.
11. Establishes and maintains working relationships with staff, colleagues and members of Council; serves as an effective liaison with community organizations, and provincial and local governments; and interacts appropriately with auditors, consultants, business groups, the media and the public.
12. Supervises assigned staff members; provides direction, guidance, advice and training; assigns responsibilities and tasks; and conducts performance reviews for direct reports.
13. Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Diploma or Degree in Public Administration and five years’ experience in office administration, preferably in a public agency; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Recognized Municipal Clerk Certification, or equivalent thereof.
- Knowledge of municipal legislation, and relevant provincial and federal statutes (e.g., the *Municipal Act*, the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the *Municipal Elections Act*, the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act*, the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the *Planning Act*, the *Emergency Management Act*, amongst others).
- Demonstrated knowledge and skills regarding personal computers and corporate records management systems.
- High degree of professionalism coupled with advanced communications skills in such areas as presentations, consultations, collaboration, negotiation, conflict resolution, and customer service.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The work is performed in an office environment. There is a constant requirement to respond to numerous requests for subject matter information from the CAO/Clerk, and to enquires from external clients, often involving high-priority issues, short deadlines, concurrent demands and changing priorities, which may result in personal stress and frustration.

There is also a risk of eyestrain from exposure to the glare from a computer screen, and of general body stiffness from the requirement to remain in a seated position for extended periods of time.

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Where there is a will, there is a way

Sometimes all of the planets do line up just the way you need them to.

It does not happen often, but when it does, look out.

This past week in North Dundas, featured a few nicely lined up events.

On Aug. 3, Winchester residents enjoyed a dry and warm Meet Me On Main Street event.

The pandemic had forced organizers to wait out the virus, and eventually they were able to get the green light to go ahead with this wonderful community celebration. The Meet Me On Main Street idea is that you are invited to a big party with great music and food to chow down on with strangers. By the end of the evening, these strangers have become your friends and neighbours and you start to accept the fact that being human allows you to connect with more people than you thought possible just a week before.

Everything in the universe that allowed the Main Street event to happen with a minimum of fuss and a maximum

of fun, was still operating out there somewhere. A few days later, two to be exact, Dairyfest took place along the same streets and most likely with the same volunteers who had roamed the streets of Winchester just a few days before.

Once stalled by the pandemic, the event took off as if it had never been a casualty of the pandemic.

Even with incredibly hot temperatures for this time in August, visitors to Dairyfest seemed to be simply happy to be going about, having fun and of course picking up some delicious cheese, not to mention having a chance to check out local vendors.

It would seem Meet Me On Main Street and Dairyfest shared a few similar connections, including the weather and a supportive community.

Both events were amazingly filled with a kind of energy shared by both. That made them both all the more special.

While organizers made sure

everything at the Sam Ault Arena was lined up correctly for the second day of Dairyfest, teams of hot but enthusiastic softball players warmed up at the ball diamonds behind the arena. By 9 a.m. Sunday the games were under way and the players uncaring about the rising temperatures, focused on their particular matches.

Not intending to out organize the organizers of Dairyfest, John Cinnamon, with his Tractor Parade to Dundas Manor went off without a hitch. In fact, the tractor parade, made up of more than 50 tractors managed to complete their parade in temperatures pushing 40 C including the humidity.

The great luck poured over from the Meet Me On Main Street crowd which spilled over the Dairyfest participants with a splash left over from the Tractor Parade.

Everywhere something was working the way it was planned, and area residents were the big winners.

The question about all of this event success is why? Is it because of the work of the organizers or the dedication of the volunteers at each and all events or is it

driven by the energy the community wants to give it with its support of time and money.

It's hard to say, but from a distance, it appeared that every aspect of both events had a favouring wind, so to speak, and whomever had the vision for each managed to stay true to that plan.

Despite all of that, the most important aspect of a lining up of the stars analogy that results in everything working out as you imagined it to, is something as simple but at the same time as magical as 'will'.

Having the will to see that Dairyfest comes off without a hitch or that Meet Me On Main Street is a success, not to mention Winchester's monthly Bike Night, requires not just commitment and determination on the part of the organizers but also the will to see it through, to make that extra phone call to a volunteer or spend that extra minute trying to figure out a logistical problem.

No one has a bucket of "will" to pass around. It is just there, or it isn't, and for Winchester it must be in the air for everyone to breathe.

Joseph Morin

Embracing the benefits of working from home

I think I can safely say that I've always wanted to work from home – well, at least for the entirety of my adult life, anyway. That dream came true in January 2021 when I was invited to write for The Record.

So, does working from home live up to my expectations? It's been about a year and a half since I started my current position and I have to say that for the most part, I've really enjoyed working from home, but it wasn't until recently that I've learned to fully appreciate and feel "at home" in my new working-from-home lifestyle.

You see, when I started, I was living with my mother. I was also still in the very early stages of recovery from a traumatic brain injury, so working from home was pretty much the only option for me at the time, pandemic

or not. Initially, writing was a struggle, but doable. While that has improved, I'm still extremely sensitive to loud noises, bright light, and crowded or busy atmospheres. I also have some processing delays and working memory issues that aren't usually noticeable in my writing – thanks to editing – but that are noticeable when I'm interacting with people directly. So, for me, there's a need component to working from home.

With that said, I can say, in all honesty, that today, I love working from home. I finally did the smart thing and created an actual working office in my bedroom. (Yes, I know "they" say the bedroom should only be for sleeping, but those with limited space have limited options.)

I moved back to my apartment about a year

ago. I live in a rurally located two-bedroom apartment in South Dundas with one roommate and three cats – only two are mine. Aside from the two bedrooms and one bathroom, the apartment is open concept, and everything is in one room. Initially, I tried setting up my office in the dining room. That didn't work because despite my fancy back brace, I couldn't sit in the chair for longer than 15 minutes without irritating my lower back pain. Then I tried working on the couch. Same issue. Then I tried the comfy chair – it has heat, vibration, and it lays back in whatever position I like – and that worked, kind of.

The comfy chair in the living room was great for my back, but not the greatest in terms of providing quiet, uninterrupted time and space for work. I also found myself having to get up and down a lot – I have a difficult time remembering what I need from one second to the next, especially when I'm tired, which happens a lot.

I realized that something had to change, and that's when I ordered my L-shaped desk and comfy office chair, which I've now set up in my bedroom, where I can close the door and not be interrupted or disturbed.

So, is working from home living up to my expectations? It is now. In addition to those I've mentioned, there are many benefits to working from home. I save time, gas money, and the cost of wear-and-tear on my

vehicle because I no longer have a long commute. I save money on professional clothing because, often, the only "people" who see me every day are my cats, and they are non-judgemental about my choice of pajama-wear. Also, I don't have to wear shoes. (I hate wearing shoes.)

The best thing, though, is the quiet, and the peaceful atmosphere. It's great for moments of contemplation, moments of writing in flow, and most importantly, it's great for motivation. Another positive, is

having everything I need at my fingertips, including two walls with space for a corkboard, memos, and reminders. Organizational space makes a huge difference when it comes to working effectively and efficiently. So, right now, I'd give working from home a five out of five stars.

With that said, working from home isn't for everyone, especially those who need constant interaction with others. Fortunately for me, I'm not one of them.

Sandy Casselman

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South Stormont looks at bringing back student bursary program

Sandy Casselman
Record Staff

LONG SAULT – While the local secondary school has been closed for roughly five years, the township of South Stormont has decided to bring back the distribution of an annual bursary for secondary school graduates living within the municipality.

“I’m very pleased to bring this proposed policy to council this evening. Students everywhere have economic barriers in entering post-secondary education. I’d like to see our council play a part in helping to alleviate those costs and formally recognize a special secondary student who has contributed to our community by helping them have the opportunity to pursue their post-secondary academic goals,” Loriann Harbers, director of corporate services and clerk, said.

During the July 13 council meeting, Harbers provided a key information report to local politicians outlining a proposed annual bursary for South Stormont residents graduating from secondary school who will be attending further training or education. She said she was looking for council’s input on the bursary criteria, as well as the amount. Council unanimously agreed it was a great idea, offering several suggestions for staff to incorporate.

“As you have seen in the criteria for this proposed policy, the annual bursary would be for residents of South Stormont graduating from secondary school who will be attending a post-secondary institution in a program of two years or more in length. One thousand dollars would be awarded annually to one student pursuing a full-time post-secondary education program in any field of study. The student must be graduating from Grade 12 and must provide proof of registration to a Canadian college,

university, or other post-secondary institution in a full-time program in the fall of the current year in any field of study,” Harbers said. “The student must have demonstrated a passion for community leadership. The student must complete the application form and submit accompanying documentation electronically or in person at the township office no later than April 30 of each current year. The bursary recipient would be chosen by a team of reviewers made up of one member of council and senior management in accordance with the established criteria.”

Councillor Andrew Guindon said he’d like to see the bursary open to students attending post-secondary school outside Canada, as well. Meanwhile, Deputy Mayor David Smith suggested creating two bursaries, one each for a female and male graduate. Smith also said he’d like to see the bursary open to students going into technology, agriculture, and trades, as well.

“The way that this has been written, this would be open to anyone attending any post-secondary programs, so anything in agriculture or trades, they will be open to applying for this as well,” Harbers said. She agreed to removing the Canadian stipulation but noted that these types of grants don’t typically have a gender requirement.

Harbers reminded council that the municipality provided an annual bursary when Rothwell-Osnabruck School, in its K to 12 setup, was still in session. Following the school’s forced closure of Grades 7 to 12 by the Upper Canada District School Board in 2017, she said the township discontinued the bursary. She said she would like to see the bursary return, open to residents of South Stormont graduating Grade 12 from whatever secondary school they’re attending. “Our students need to know

that we support them in their educational programs that they’re going to,” Harbers said, adding that her hope would be to see South Stormont’s graduates return to the municipality after their post-secondary programs are completed, whether to work and/or live in the township as adults. “I truly think this is a great idea, and I think it probably could be improved a little bit. I think I’d like to see the two awards. I don’t think it necessarily has to be male or female, but I’d like to see two students per year.”

Harbers said staff would like to see the amended policy passed during the August council meeting. She said this would allow for an aggressive advertising push leading to the recognition of the first recipients of the South Stormont Bursary during a council meeting in September.

Referring to the auditor’s report earlier in the evening that indicated a financial surplus for the municipality, Chief Administrative Officer Debi LucasSwitzer said two bursaries are doable financially. With council’s direction, she said staff could bring back a report for council to consider. Receiving approval from members of council, Mayor Bryan McGillis gave the go ahead for making the suggested changes and for the return of a follow-up report next month.

The draft policy, along with a draft application form, were included with Harbers’s report in the July 13 agenda package. Harbers said the application is to include a 50-word essay from the student. She said her intention is to make the bursary as open as possible, so that more students can apply, including those who don’t fit the mould of a typical bursary recipient.

“I certainly like the idea,” Smith said. “I certainly support it, and I would definitely like to have conversation on how we can build on this.”

Louise Leclerc seeks a seat on SS council

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
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SOUTH STORMONT - Louise Leclerc recently announced her candidacy for municipal councillor in the Municipality of South Stormont. She mentioned her desire to serve residents which has formed the basis of her decision. Leclerc moved to South Stormont in 2016, speaks four languages including English and French, worked for 13 years in the federal government before her retirement and

was raised on a farm in Quebec. “I love South Stormont” commented Leclerc. She mentioned the beauty of the municipality with the waterfront areas, farmland, choice of outdoor activities and the communities where residents make their homes as positive attributes of the municipality.

Challenges facing the South Stormont community include Highway 138 traffic problems, the effect of nitrogen reduction on farmers and tree loss.

Leclerc favours the creation of a municipal policy on tree loss that can be attributed to several factors but should be addressed by local government.

The federal government has mandated a reduction in the quantity of emissions of nitrogen-based fertilizers by 2030. Leclerc feels it is important for the municipality to lobby the upper levels of government for the development of replacement fertilizers for

agricultural use.

The creation of a roundabout at the intersection of Highway 138 and Headline Road is an important part of ensuring the safety of people using Highway 138, by reducing traffic congestion according to Leclerc. She commented how it has been several years since discussions about Highway 138 had been held and that it is time for action.



Louise Leclerc

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Dairyfest returns

Continued from the front and the early start avoided a run in extremely hot 30 C plus temperatures that settled over the event for the rest of the weekend. The winners of the races each received a 3-month membership to Summers Physiotherapies fitness facility.

Chair of the Dairyfest organizing committee Alexandra Donovan said, "From talking to the people in attendance at the event, I was pleased to see how many people had come from cities that were not in Winchester. Awesome to show people from out of town a bit about our community."

Lactalis was a significant sponsor of the weekend's event, and their cheese sale was well received with people lined up for their cheese at 6:30 a.m. with coolers in tow.

Donovan said, "The kids loved Julie Balloonies balloon animals at the market. She was a real hit."

Leanne Leader and her team held a Zumba class in Sweet Corner Park.

"I was pleasantly surprised to see 8-10 woman dancing along with them in that heat; I was surprised."

The winners of the weekend-long lob ball tournament were the Titans and for 2nd place Catchers in the Rye. Fourteen teams took part in the tournament.

"We had to move some of the inflatables inside because of the potential weather but the kids still had a great time. The rockwall and inflatables were a big hit," said Donovan.

"John Cinnamon had his annual tractor parade that went down Main Street and passed the Dundas Manor. There were 57 tractors in total. Dundas Manor has some heart warming photos of them watching the tractors."

A walk down Main Street provided a fun time with more than 40 vendors that made up an exciting street market. There was a never-ending parade of great live



Maple on the Moove put in an appearance at Dairyfest. In this photo, Hanson Paju and her mom Kelsey Erwin have a close look at Maple the cow, but Hanson was not sure about how she felt about the encounter.

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The Junkyard Symphony was at Dairyfest entertaining visitors.

Morin Photo

music at Sweet Corner Park. There were performances by Cory Coons, Josh MacFarlane and the Low Keys, and later the Ken Workman Band at the Sam Ault Arena for a dance at the end of the day.

In between breakfast and the dance, there were children's events such as an inflatable mechanical bull.

The Junkyard Symphony roamed the market interacting with children and providing some fun.

There was all-day long softball and an inflatable obstacle course and cotton candy courtesy of Southgate Church.

Adults were able to escape the heat at the beer garden at Sweet Corner Park.

The festivities kicked off at 9 a.m. with a few words from North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser and Coun. Theresa Bergeron with "O'Canada" sung by Issabel C.

The second day of Dairyfest featured more fun and family activities at the Sam Ault Arena.

The fire department kept children cool with a number of games including hoses and an abundance of cooling spray. Children could run through a giant sprinkler or join a team of people trying to push a suspended ball with water from a fire hose.

While vendors positioned themselves in the arena parking lot, children and adults had fun upstairs in the arena taking part in a Lego car racing competition. Children gathered around a large pile of Legos and built their own racing cars, which later raced down an elevated track.

Downstairs on the arena's rink floor there were more inflatable play structures for children to play on, as well as highland dancing demonstrations by the Ellen Cameron School of Dance from St. Andrews.

Behind the arena on the ball diamonds, there were softball games all through both days of the festival.

Dairyfest organizers were thrilled with the weekend turnout despite the hot temperatures during



The Winchester firehall was busy with the Dairyfest Firefighter's Breakfast.

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John Cinnamon led this year's tractor parade passed Dundas Manor Residence as part of Dairyfest celebrations.

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Dairyfest; they felt the event was a success and are looking forward to next year.

"The current committee will have a debriefing to go over the good and bad of the event. We are always looking for volunteers and would love it if more in our community would sit on the committee. We will start 2023s planning early next year," said Donovan.

Dairyfest has its origins in 1988 by a small committee of merchants to celebrate Winchester's centennial year.



The Dairy Dash was a big event at the festival.

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Winchester's Meet Me On Main Street

Continued from the front

The warden wanted to see for herself what the event was all about.

"My interest was going and experiencing it for myself and seeing how it was put together and organized and to see from my own eyes just how it does bring the community out," she said.

"The opportunity for a municipality to do that for the community and to initiate that kind of gathering is really priceless. I am going to bring it up to my colleagues here in North Glengarry and suggest that we try a similar thing."

The warden was also at the Meet Me On Main Street one in Morewood, but she was unable to stay.

"That gave me a glimpse of what it was going to be like, so I said I have to go to the Winchester one."

North Dundas Mayor Tony Fraser was thrilled to have the event back on after the pandemic made so many events impossible.

Fraser said, "It was such a pleasure of seeing another community in North Dundas come together, enjoy each other's company, sample some different food and drink from the area. The community buy-in has been such a benefit to all of us."

The mayor has been encouraging villages in North Dundas to take on the event in their own community. The pandemic made doing that impossible but now that the world is slowly returning to normal Meet Me On Main Street can happen.

"I spoke to Russell Mayor Pierre Leroux in 2018 about



The Wed., Aug. 3 Meet Me On Main Street was fun for everyone.

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The warden of SD&G, Carma Williams stopped by the Winchester Meet Me On Main Street event to share in the fun of the outdoor festivities. Left to right are North Dundas Coun. Theresa Bergeron, Mayor Tony Fraser and Warden Carma Williams.

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Winchester's Meet Me On Main Street event on Wed., Aug. 3 would not have been complete without the music of the Hillbilly Highway. Left to right are Johnny Leach, Bill Lewis, and David Anderson.

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The Southgate Church Winchester Campus provided a bouncy castle and cotton candy to children at the Main Street event. Here, Dom Scharf comes to the end of the slide at the bouncy castle.

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Phinette the dog lives with Ed and Francine Duncan. She had a great time at the Main Street event.

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North Dundas firefighters Chris Helmer and Kraig Raistrick demonstrated what happens to a kitchen grease fire when someone mistakenly tries to put the fire out with water.

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doing it in Marionville but then the pandemic hit in 2019."

Fraser had announced that Marionville would be added to the list of locations for the event in 2020 but once more the pandemic made that impossible to take place.

"I want other communities in SD&G to see how positive it is."

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4 p.m. - 10 p.m. Midway Open
6 p.m. - 11 p.m. Trackside Beer Garden
6 p.m. Truck Pull Registration
6 p.m. Opening Ceremonies (Agricultural Hall)
7 p.m. Truck Pull

Friday, August 19

8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Exhibits Entered at Exhibit Hall (Lila Fawcett Building)
10 a.m. Poultry Judging Begins
3:30 p.m. Gates Open to Public
4 p.m. - 12 a.m. Midway Open
5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open (Lila Fawcett Building)
6 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Rodeo Bar Open
6 p.m. - 12 a.m. Beer Garden Open (Entertainment Tent)
6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Classic Car Show (Derby Pit)
7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Kubota Gold Buckle Series by Black Creek Rodeo (Western Horse Ring)
8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. The Reklaws present by Pure Country 94 (Entertainment Tent) (All Ages Welcome)
10 p.m. - 1 a.m. Cory Coons (Entertainment Tent) (Age of Majority)

Saturday, August 20

6 a.m. Exhibitor Gate Open
8 a.m. Gates Open to Public
9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open (Lila Fawcett Building)
9 a.m. Children's Pet Show (Behind Agricultural Hall)
9 a.m. Children's Fun Pony and Horse Show
9:30 a.m. Saddle and Harness Show

10 a.m. Baby Show (Agricultural Hall)
10 a.m. Pre 4-H Dairy and Showmanship Class
10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Poultry Show Open
11 a.m. 4-H Dairy Achievement Day
11 a.m. Duke the Dinosaur
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Maple the Cow (Children's Entertainment Tent)
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. North Dundas Library Interactive Children's Workshop (Children's Entertainment Tent)
11:30 a.m. Rockabilly Joe (Children's Entertainment Tent)
12 p.m. Meet the Keepers Rescue Animal Stage Presentation (Children's Entertainment Tent)
12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Balloon Twisters (Children's Entertainment Tent)
12 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Beauty Princess
12 p.m. - 11 p.m. Midway Open
12:30 p.m. Hand Milking Contest (Beside Entertainment Tent)
12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Face Painting by Melissa (Children's Entertainment Tent)
1 p.m. Duke the Dinosaur
1:30 p.m. Rockabilly Joe (Children's Entertainment Tent)
2 p.m. Meet the Keepers Rescue Animal Stage Presentation (Children's Entertainment Tent)
3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Rodeo Bar Open
4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Kubota Gold Buckle Series by Black Creek Rodeo (Western Horse Ring)
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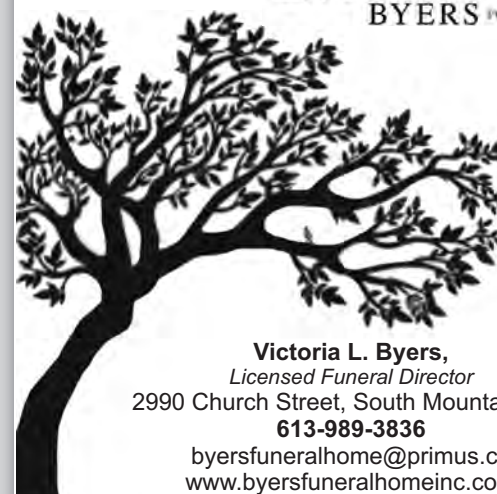
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 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Poultry Show Open
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tractor Pull
 10 a.m. Heavy Horse and Miniature Horse Shows
 11 a.m. 4-H Beef Achievement Day
 11 a.m. Meet the Keepers Rescue Animal Stage Presentation (Children's Entertainment Tent)
 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Maple the Cow (Children's Entertainment Tent)
 12 p.m. Duke the Dinosaur
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 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. Midway Open
 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Beer Garden Open (Entertainment Tent)

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 3:30 p.m. Grand Prize Draw (Entertainment Tent)
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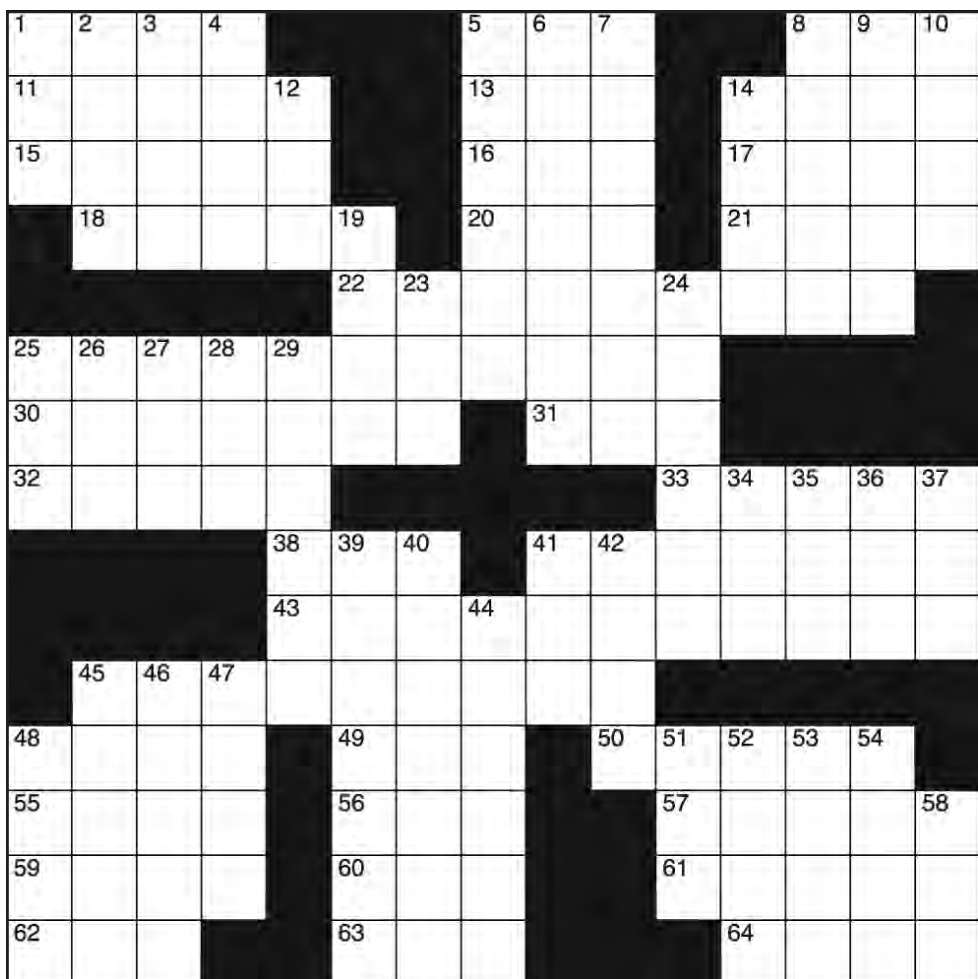
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 11, 2022

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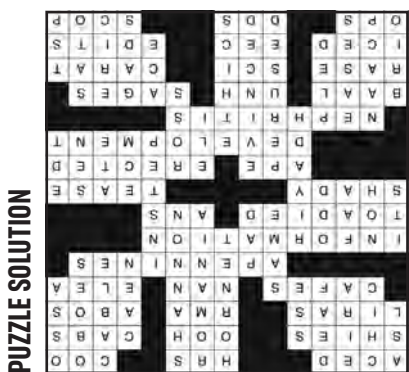
- 1. Breezed through
5. Time units (abbr.)
8. Pigeon's murmur
11. Moves aside in fright
13. Partner to "ahh"
14. Taxis
15. Monetary units of Turkey
16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
17. Prolific Italian opera composer
18. Restaurants
20. One's grandmother
21. Ancient Greek City
22. Italian mountain ranges
25. Data
30. Acted in an obedient way
31. Autonomic nervous system
32. Not on the up-and-up

- 33. Mock lightly
38. Mimic
41. Built
43. A neighborhood
45. Inflammation of the kidneys
48. Semitic fertility god
49. Temporary name of Seaborgium
50. Wise people
55. Tear down
56. _fi (slang)
57. Diamond weight
59. Frosted
60. Predecessor to EU
61. Makes changes to
62. Some are secret
63. Tooth caregiver
64. Old English poet

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sign language
2. In style
3. Norwegian river
4. People with impaired hearing
5. Large stinging paper wasp
6. Bucharest is its capital
7. River in Ireland
8. Type of TV
9. Double-reed instruments
10. Spanish motorcycle manufacturer
12. Midway between south and southeast
14. French commune
19. Alike
23. A bachelor's apartment
24. Foot part between the ball and ankle
25. Belonging to a thing
26. Japanese classical theater
27. Supervises flying
28. Not even

- 29. Capital of Saudi Arabia
34. Electronic countermeasure
35. Consumed
36. American politician (abbr.)
37. Sun up in New York
39. Casually looked through
40. Revealed the presence of
41. Peyton's little brother
42. Diana __ singer
44. Study of moral values and rules
45. Civil Rights group
46. Makes less severe
47. Made an emotional appeal
48. Vivacity of style
51. One who is highly skilled
52. Gets around in pursuit of pleasure
53. Famed guitarist Clapton
54. Most common Japanese surname
58. Recipe abbreviation



THE BENEFITS OF CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Even though crossword puzzles have been entertaining and helping people pass the time for more than 100 years, the benefits of crosswords go beyond boredom-busting. Various studies have shown the positive effects crossword puzzles can have on a person's brain and capacity to learn.

- Improve vocabulary
- Strengthens memory
- Improve socialization
- Help relieve stress
- May help prevent brain diseases

Crossword puzzles can fill empty hours with an entertaining and educational activity. However, there are many other benefits to doing crossword puzzles that may surprise even the most ardent puzzle enthusiasts.

Fox and Fern Farm lathers locals with handcrafted goat's milk soaps

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – “I am passionate about creating soaps that bring joy to people's lives,” Kaitlin Jones said. “It has been so fun through the pandemic to be able to witness so many different people get so excited about one of life's simple pleasures, and that's what it's all about.”

Jones is the owner of Fox and Fern Farm where she creates handcrafted goat's milk soaps. She's lived on her hobby farm, along with her husband and two sons, for roughly 10 years. She said she started with just a few chickens, but she's since taken on the care of seven Oberhasli goats, and her decision to create handcrafted goat's milk soaps came, literally, from a dream.

“A few years ago, before owning goats, I woke up from a vivid dream where I was a soap maker who used milk from my own goats. I woke up with a strong feeling that it was something I needed to pursue, and so, fast forward several years and here we are,” she said.

Fox and Fern Farm's handcrafted soaps are created with certified organic, and sustainably sourced, oils and butters, Jones said. She said each oil and butter has its own unique skin properties and benefits to create “that perfect balance” between cleansing and skin conditioning. Once the oils are melted down, Jones said she dissolves the lye into the goat's milk, which she's gathered from her Oberhasli goats, and then she mixes everything together.

“Goat's milk is an excellent additive to soap because the natural fats help to create a bubbly lather to provide a gentler

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight



Kaitlin Jones, owner and founder of Fox and Fern Farm in South Mountain, makes handcrafted goat's milk soap using milk from her Oberhasli goats.

Kameron Elizabeth Photography Courtesy Photo

cleansing than commercially manufactured soaps. Because goat's milk is high in caprylic acid, it maintains the skin's natural moisture barrier, and doesn't leave skin feeling dry and tight like most other soaps. People who suffer from skin conditions, such as eczema, generally find goat's milk soap to be soothing and helpful in repairing damaged areas of the skin,” Jones said.

Although she's not making any health claims about her handcrafted soaps, she encourages consumers to do their own research about the many benefits of goat's

milk soaps. In fact, it was her own internet research that allowed Jones to make her dream of becoming a soap maker a reality.

“Many of my designs are inspired by nature. I enjoy using many different colours to mimic those of the fruity, natural, or floral elements of the specific fragrance I'm using. There are many different swirling techniques which can be used to create specific elements within your loaf,” Jones said. “Sometimes it all works out just as planned, and other times not so much. That really is part of the fun of soap making.”

While Jones is the soap maker in the family, she said her husband and children help in other ways. While her two sons assist with the goats, both feeding and spending time with them, her husband Mike helps with construction activities, like building structures, as well as modifying and improving them when needed. Jones said Mike has done a lot of work in the past few years not only building goat shelters and goat play structures, but also clearing new pastures.

Right now, my focus is just about keeping a broad selection of soaps available for my market stand and online store, but I hope, in a couple of years, to be able to turn my soap business into my full-time day job,” Jones said.

“My soaps are available at many local farmers' markets. I post my market locations each month on Instagram and Facebook. Alternatively, the soap can be purchased at The Maker's Hub in Winchester.”

Jones said. “I don't have a brick-and-mortar shop, but there is an option online for free local pickup where you can stop in and grab your order from my home in South Mountain.”

Fox and Fern Farm is located on Pleasant Valley Road in South Mountain. To learn more about Jones' handcrafted goat's milk soaps, visit her website (foxandfermfarm.ca), or contact her directly via email (foxandfermfarm@gmail.com). Fox and Fern Farm can also be found on Facebook and Instagram.

If you would like to have a light shined on your business, please contact us at: editor@etceterapublications.ca or call us at 613-448-2321.

Township of Russell's Jamie Laurin running for re-election

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – “The best part of being a councillor is when I run into residents and they ask me questions about an upcoming project or they want to bring an issue forward,” township of Russell Coun. Jamie Laurin said. “I would be unable to fulfill my role without these kinds of discussions, so I appreciate when residents take the time to bring their questions and issues to my attention. We may not always agree on the issues, but it is important to have healthy and constructive debates because

both sides usually walk away learning something they didn't consider.”

Laurin is running for re-election as councillor. The 2022 municipal election is set for Oct. 24.

“The decision to seek another term on council was an easy decision to make. There are a few projects on-the-go that I wanted to see realized, like the recreation complex, but my main reason for running again is that I truly enjoy serving the residents of our amazing communities,” he said. “I have never made election promises as I know it takes

the majority of council to approve projects, however I would like to see the completion of the recreation complex as a sitting member of council. I have advocated for a recreation complex since my first term as councillor and I am excited that we are in the process of making this a reality for our township. This will be the largest project that we have ever undertaken, and it is something that I am passionate about as it will enhance the lives of everyone in our communities.”



Jamie Laurin

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Laurin has been a member of council for the past 16 years. If re-elected, another term of council will see that number rise to 20.

“My goal as a member of council has always been to conduct myself with integrity and to research the

issues so that I make informed decisions at the council table. This has not changed, nor will it ever, as long as residents of the township continue to put their trust in my abilities as an elected official,” Laurin said. “I am humbled by the support I've received by residents as your councillor, and I would be honoured to

have the opportunity to represent you for another four years. Together we can continue to make our communities one of the best places to call home. I can't do my job without you, so I encourage anyone with questions or concerns to reach out to me on my cell (613-601-3581) or by email (j_laurin@rogers.com).”



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Proposed 45.0m Communications Tower Site ON8299, MORRISBURG, located at 10 Campbell Street, Morrisburg

Regarding the public notice printed in the August 4th paper, the proposed communication tower sites ON 8297 IROQUOIS and ON 8299 MORRISBURG are to be located on land designated as **INDUSTRIAL**, not **AGRICULTURAL** as previously stated.

In addition, the proposed tower site ON8297 IROQUOIS will now be 60m, not 65m as previously stated.

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Fair weekend in Navan

Carolyn Thompson Goddard
Villager Staff

NAVAN – The weather was hot and humid, but that didn't seem to deter people from attending the 75th edition of the Navan Fair. There was plenty to see and do during the four-day exhibition, with several cattle and horse shows to enjoy, as well as the opportunity to view displays, do some shopping, or perhaps, take a stroll down the midway which provided several rides and games of chance.

The final day of the 2022 Navan Fair featured the Western Horse Show as well as the Horse Pull. Susan Keller, secretary treasurer of the Eastern Ontario Horse Pulling Association provided the results of the Aug. 7 event. In the Light Class, the 1st place winner was Jonathan Robert; the Heavy class was Alex Thibault in 1st place.

Navan Fair Western Show organizer Jackie Gratton provided the results from this show. All participants in the Peewee Division were winners. In the Junior Division, the winner in the Pole Bending Class was Charlotte Malyon on Dreaming of Carmelia; Barrel Class winner was Ghyliane Gregoire on Top Sail Showdown; Flag Class winner is Ghyliane Gregoire on Top Sail Showdown; Keyhole Class winner is Gabriella Gregoire on Out of the Blue and in the Dash for Cash Class winner was Ghyliane Gregoire on



Belgian team Dale and Teedie are shown during the Horse Pull on Aug. 7 at the Navan Fair. Thompson Goddard Photo



The Beef Show was held on Sun., Aug. 7. Judge Ryan Currie is seen evaluating the cows in the Senior Showcase Division of the show. Thompson Goddard Photo

Top Sail Showdown. Senior Division winners are as follows: Pole Bending Class Steve Storms on Max; Women Barrels - Brigitte Gratton on Jess Call Me Tex; Men's Barrels - Steve Storms on Max; Dash for Cash Class - Steve Storms on Max; Keyhole Class - Marc-Andre Gratton on M-S Doc; Flag Class Brigitte Gratton on Southern Dallas.

While the planning for the 2023 Navan Fair will without doubt begin soon, organizers of this year's fair will hopefully have a few days to rest and reflect on the success of this year's exhibition.



From the left: Jean Lanoix, with Alex Thibault holding Belgian Doc just prior to the start of the horse pull at the 2022 Navan Fair. Thompson Goddard Photo



Gabryella Gregoire riding Out of the Blue was the second competitor in the Pole Bending Class of the Junior Division of the Western Show at the Navan Fair. Thompson Goddard Photo



There was plenty of excitement in the midway during the fair, with The Drop Zone providing riders and spectators alike with thrills and chills! Thompson Goddard Photo

Lisa Deacon aims to make Russell "better, together"

Sandy Casselman
Villager Staff

EMBRUN – "My love and commitment to Russell Township runs deep. It would be an honour and a privilege to apply my extensive business, community development, and project management skills to serve residents on council," Lisa Deacon said.

Deacon is running for councillor in the upcoming Oct. 24 municipal election. She is the co-founder of Datafest, a project management firm where she's consulted and collaborated with more than 60 regional partners and businesses to mobilize more than \$1 million of social service relief projects from the province during the pandemic.

"I get things done - I have a proven track record, 15-plus years of delivering service excellence and representing the community around complex and interrelated issues of affordability, economic growth, community development, fiscal responsibility, and environmental sustainability," she said. "Our community, and indeed the world, has changed drastically in these past few years. With my rural upbringing, extensive community engagement, business background, and project management work for local governments, non-profit organizations, and farming groups, I have a real pulse on how people have been affected and what the key issues are for the coming years."

Deacon has supported research for a local agricultural newspaper to explore key issues



Lisa Deacon Courtesy Photo

in the farming community. She's also supported the Eastern Ontario Agri-Food Network in design projects that address regional food sovereignty and food insecurity.

"We have grown exponentially, and we need to roll up our sleeves to welcome and engage new neighbours, ensure balanced, accessible growth, and keep pace with infrastructure needs. Improving road safety, sound oversight of the Sportsplex and Embrun library projects, helping local businesses by addressing labour shortages, kickstarting municipal composting and increasing tree cover are all priorities for me during this campaign," Deacon said. "We can be more effective and efficient with tax dollars in this work by addressing the silos that persist between departments, council, and residents. It's also imperative that we

prevent township projects from moving forward without the support of residents, which costs us all time and money."

Currently, she volunteers with the Eastern Ontario Land Trust, Business Sisters, Eco East, Leadership féminin Prescott-Russell, Prescott-Russell Community Food Forum Steering Committee, and Embrun Area

Female Entrepreneurs. Deacon's campaign slogan is "Better, together."

"I am a fully bilingual, approachable, and a strategic candidate who will work hard and maintain accountability and integrity in this office," she said. "I'm eager to connect as much as possible in the coming months. I encourage residents to reach out and/or join the conversation with me on Facebook and Instagram @deacon4russell or my website (deacon4russell.ca).

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